Minutes of Ordinary meeting of Avon Dassett Parish Council
Monday 3rd September 2018 at The Reading Room.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

1) PRESENT: Trevor Gill, Mike Blakeman, Darrell Muffitt, Martyn Heard, Liz Hirst, Councillor John Feilding, Clerk (Helen Hide-Wright).

   APOLOGIES: Councillor Chris Williams.

2) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None.

3) CONFIRM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes were accepted. Proposed: Mike Blakeman, Seconded: Darrell Muffitt. Signed and dated by Trevor Gill.

4) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

   a) The perimeter fence on the playground has been repaired. The totem pole has not yet been removed. **Action: Trevor to arrange**

   b) The War Memorial has been registered with War Memorials Online and the link is: https://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/259549/

   c) An application form to register the War Memorial has been submitted to Heritage England. A copy of the application is attached in Appendix C

   d) Trevor to arrange for an estimate for the work to replace the toilet in The Reading Room. It was agreed that this refurbishment should include much improved access for anyone with special needs. **Action: Trevor to arrange estimate**

5) QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

6) MATTERS ARISING:

Community

   a) Burial Ground: Nothing to report.

   b) Community Policing/Neighbourhood Watch: There have been a small number of break-ins in Farnborough. If there are any incidents in Avon Dassett, please report them to the Clerk, after reporting them to the Police through the 101 telephone number. A request for this to be reported on the News Section of the Community website will be sent.

   c) Playground – (weekly inspection reports): i). New equipment: Liz Hirst confirmed the need to finalise the additional equipment that is required in the Playground to meet the needs of older children. Trevor Gill suggested holding a meeting to discuss and agree the actions to resolve this matter. ii. The price for a new bench was estimated to be £500. Proposed: Mike Blakeman, seconded: Darrell Muffitt. The expenditure was approved. **Action: Liz Hirst to arrange for a meeting to be held to progress the identification of additional equipment and associated costs**

   d) Superfast Broadband: Trevor Gill confirmed that correspondence between a local resident and the CSW project has been reported. Trevor has been in touch with the project and we are now awaiting a response on the work which was due to be completed by 31 August in respect of Bitham Hall and the top section of the village. The possibility of a wireless service continues to be investigated and it is expected that further details will be circulated soon.

   e) Post Office: Nothing to report.

   f) Village Communications and website: Nothing to report.

   g) War memorial: Registrations have been progressed as above and there is now the need to complete a condition survey. Trevor will arrange to undertake a survey with assistance from committee members. **Action: Trevor & Mike to progress.**

   h) Community website: Nothing to Report.

   i) Reading Room – refurbishment: Trevor Gill confirmed that the building works will commence shortly. Approval was given to replace any wood that is too rotten to repair. Once that is complete, the external painting will commence.

j) 100th anniversary of the end of WW1: Farnborough Village Hall Committee is organising an event at the Village Hall on 9 November 2018. The Clerk confirmed that ADPC has registered the PC's details with the DM Kineton. **Action: Details of the Farnborough Event to be circulated when they are availabl**e.

k) Cemetery Car park: Trevor Gill outlined the proposal to replace the fence and a gate and finance this from ring fenced funds. The quote received is £212.06 and the expenditure was approved. **Action: Trevor to order the gate and progress with the replacement of the fence when the gate is available.**

l) Defibrillator volunteer phone system: Trevor Gill has been speaking to the service provider, Numbers Plus, to set up the details. **Action: Trevor to organise a meeting of volunteers and to try to get a volunteer to maintain the list on an ongoing basis.**

Roads: Traffic, Roads and Drains (Church Hill)

m) Drains: Trevor Gill has requested that the missing 30 mph sign is replaced. Mike Blakeman commented on the poor condition of the Farnborough Road and expressed concern about the cracks that are appearing on the carriageway. **Action: Trevor to ask for a review of the roadway with a view to making further repairs.**

Trevor Gill has spoken to Patch Byrne regarding the flooding in the village. Mike Blackeman suggested requesting a copy of the main drains plan for the village to assist with the discussions. **Action: Trevor to obtain a copy of the main drains plan for our records.**

Empty sand bags are being stored in the Reading Room.

Environment/Maintenance

Communication/Administration

7) COUNCIL REPORTS: John Feilding: Appendix A.
8) CORRESPONDENCE: Electronic correspondence was circulated in advance of the meeting.
9) PLANNING (Declarations of interests): John Feilding will speak to SDC regarding the availability of the Duty Planning Officer.

10) FINANCIAL STATEMENT (Appendix B).

Payments:	*3.9.18*	*Numbers Plus System*	*£ 118.80*
	3.9.18	*Hide-Wright (Aug expenses)*	*£ 12.90*
	3.9.18	*SAGE accounting package*	*£ 150.00*
	3.9.18	*T. Gill (Bench)*	*£ 219.99*
		Total Payments	**£ 501.69**

Proposed: Martyn Heard, seconded: Darrell Muffitt.

Mike Blakeman confirmed that the Sage accounting package has been organised for the Council and log on details for on line access will be issued shortly and an invoice generated.

11) MEMBER REPORTS: Darrell Muffitt agreed to organise this years Remembrance Service.

Mike Blakeman reviewed two policies from SDC. He reported that neither were relevant to Avon Dassett.

Trevor Gill outlined that the Fete Committee are still finalising the accounts and gathering in the final payments.

12) DATE OF MEETINGS in 2018: 1st Oct, 26th November (changed from 5th Nov), no meeting in December (3rd Dec cancelled).
Potential dates 2019: 14th Jan, 4th Feb, 4th March, 1st April, 13th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 5th Aug, 2nd Sept, 7th Oct, 18th/25th Nov, no meeting in December.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Appendix A.

Councillors Report 28 August 2018: John Feilding.

The main Committee that I am involved with is the Task and Finishing group. This body is a subcommittee of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC). The Council has employed, on a short-term basis, Justin Long, who has experience in dealing with the Scrutiny of both outside and internal departments and organisations. OSC has not in the past received regular performance reports from other departments within SDC. These should be given quarterly to the committee with attendance of Chief Officer and Performance officer to give their reports. Thus, the OSC can monitor performance and provide an independent challenge on any area of concern.
He has recommended that OSC should Scrutinise the varies internal department of the Council and review the Cabinet work program. The committee should be allowed to question and hold officers to account.
Further to last month initial report on the Task and Finishing group, we reviewed the various charitable organisations that receive funding from SDC. The council provide £200,000 annually of which Citizens Advice receives £46,000, VASA (Community and Voluntary Action) £50,000, UBUS £95,000 and Act on Energy £13,000.

Both VASA and UBUS can help with local transport. Information is available from their Websites.

Act on Energy, Delivery of energy advice and support to provide residents with:
1. Warmer Homes
2. Affordable energy
3. Knowledge to make ongoing energy decisions
4. Funding for physical interventions

Provision of support to Stratford District Council to deliver:
1. Obligations under the Home Energy Conservation Act (statutory duty)
2. Assist the council with working toward National Fuel Poverty Strategy
3. Clean Growth Strategy – key document for low carbon economy and governments strategy for delivery of carbon budgets.

Advice is available from Rachel Jones CEO, Actonenergy.org.uk

The T & F Group is working the problems around rural exclusion, this underline the need to improve transport and the provision of Social Housing. However, the District must stop the selling off of properties in the villages. It is hoped that the new Housing Company which is being created by SDC will help with this problem. The SDC carries regular training meeting ranging from planning to highways. Next Fridays 3 tier meeting at the Race Course is on Highway with a view towards Parking. Details for booking a place and future events is on the WALC website.

Appendix B: FINANCIAL STATEMENT September 2018, Avon Dassett Parish Council:

Balances at close of business 31st August 2018

Current Account £ 9,417.11

Deposit Account £ 12,836.93* Ring fenced funds and interest received.

Bank Transactions

Current Account				
Date	**Description**	**Chq/SO/DD/TRF/FPI**	**In**	**Out**
8 August 2018	Thomas Fox	FPO		£ 373.20
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8 August 2018	David Hicks	FPO		£ 157.10
8 August 2018	Trevor Gill – Picnic Bench	FPO		£ 204.99
8 August 2018	H Hide-Wright – Expenses	TFR		£ 12.90
20 August 2018	H Hide-Wright Salary	SO		£ 311.52
20 August 2018	nPower	DD		£ 56.00
24 August 2018	Warwickshire Pensions	SO		£ 95.56

Deposit Account				
Date	**Description**	**Chq/SO/DD/TRF/FPI**	**In**	**Out**
9 August 2018	Interest		£ 0.55	

Payments Authorised From The Meeting	
Description	**Amount**
Numbers Plus System	£ 118.80
H Hide-Wright – Expenses	£ 12.90
Sage Accounting Package	£ 150.00
Trevor Gill – Playground Bench	£ 219.99
Total Payments	£ 501.69

Ring Fenced Funds:

Description	**Amount**
Neighbourhood Watch	£ 185.00
St John's Steps Appeal Funds	£ 86.19
I.T. Equip & Software	£ 550.74
Play area lease	£ 200.00
Reading Room Maintenance	£ 8,810.00
Playground	£ 250.00
Parish Plan	£ 2,000.00
Village Cemetery	£ 275.00
Village Maintenance	£ 230.00
Defibrillator	£ 250.00
Total	**£12,836.93**

AVON DASSETT PARISH COUNCIL 2018 - 2019 FINANCIAL YEAR

31 August 2018

	Actual			Budget
Receipts				
Precept	£7,680.00			£15,610.00
Bank Interest	£2.70			£0.00
Burial Ground	£0.00			£0.00
Miscellaneous - Funds From Village Functions	£158.85			£0.00
Hire of Reading Room, car park etc	£25.00			£0.00
Mowing Refund From Stratford District Council	£0.00			£0.00
Election Fees Re The Use Of The Reading Room	£0.00			£0.00
VAT Reimbursement	£0.00			£0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**£7,866.55**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£15,610.00**

Payments (Annual expenses)	Actual	Ring Fenced Funds	Net Expenditure	Budget
The Reading Room				
Reading Room: Cleaning	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Reading Room: Electricity Supply	(£124.00)		(£124.00)	£350.00
Reading Room: Maintenance	(£62.22)	£0.00	(£62.22)	£1,300.00
Reading Room: Rates	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Total Reading Room	**(£186.22)**	**£0.00**	**(£186.22)**	**£1,650.00**
Administration				
Staff costs:				
Clerk's Pay	(£1,557.38)		(£1,557.38)	£4,250.00
ADPC Pension Contribution	(£383.70)		(£383.70)	£1,000.00
Employee Pension Contribution	(£150.12)		(£150.12)	£0.00
Administration Expenses	(£58.80)		(£58.80)	£600.00
ADPC Training	£0.00		£0.00	£300.00
Audit Fees	(£90.00)		(£90.00)	£300.00
Data Protection	£0.00		£0.00	£50.00
Election Fees	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Councillors' expenses	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
WALC subscriptions	(£104.00)		(£104.00)	£110.00
Insurance	(£483.75)		(£483.75)	£650.00
Total Administration	**(£2,827.75)**	**£0.00**	**(£2,827.75)**	**£7,260.00**
Village Maintenance				
Street Light Maintenance	(£136.80)		(£136.80)	£0.00
Street Light Electricity Supply	(£203.87)		(£203.87)	£750.00
Village Maintenance & Mowing	(£1,904.40)	£0.00	(£1,904.40)	£3,000.00
Tubs Etc	(£157.10)		(£157.10)	£250.00
Total Village Maintenance	**(£2,402.17)**	**£0.00**	**(£2,402.17)**	**£4,000.00**

Playground				
Playground Lease & Inspections	£0.00		£0.00	£100.00
Playground Equipment and Repairs	(£204.99)		(£204.99)	£500.00
Playground General Maintenance	£0.00		£0.00	£250.00
Total Playground	**(£204.99)**	**£0.00**	**(£204.99)**	**£850.00**
Communications & IT Expenditure				
Avon Dassett Parish Council Website	(£224.14)		(£224.14)	£400.00
Communications & Surveys	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
IT Software, Hardware & Consumables	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00
Total Communications & IT Expenditure	**(£224.14)**	**£0.00**	**(£224.14)**	**£700.00**
Miscellaneous				
Coffee Morning Expenses & Xmas Gathering	£0.00		£0.00	£150.00
Other - Section 137	(£200.00)		(£200.00)	£0.00
Community Projects	£0.00		£0.00	£1,000.00
Total Miscellaneous	**(£200.00)**	**£0.00**	**(£200.00)**	**£1,150.00**
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**(£6,045.27)**	**£0.00**	**(£6,045.27)**	**£15,610.00**

Ring Fenced Funds

	01 April 2018	Deposits	Withdrawls	31 August 2018
Defibrillator	£250.00	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00
St John's Steps Appeal Funds	£86.19	£0.00	£0.00	£86.19
IT Equipment & Software	£548.04	£2.70	£0.00	£550.74
Playground Lease Grant	£200.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00
Neighbourhood Watch	£185.00	£0.00	£0.00	£185.00
Village Cemetary	£275.00	£0.00	£0.00	£275.00
Reading Room Maintenance	£8,810.00	£0.00	£0.00	£8,810.00
Parish Plan	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00
Playground Maintenance	£250.00	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00
Village Maintenance	£230.00	£0.00	£0.00	£230.00
Deposit Account Balances As At:	**£12,834.23**	**£2.70**	**£0.00**	**£12,836.93**

Closing Period Bank Balances As At:	**31 August 2018**
Current Account	£9,417.11
Deposit Account	£12,836.93
Total Bank Balances	£22,254.04

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Application Type

Type: New

Identification

Subject: The War Memorial Avon Dassett
Avon Dassett War Memorial

Location

Primary County/Unitary Authority: Warwickshire
Latitude: 52.145916
Longitude: -1.403416
Descriptive Location: The village war memorial is situation on the Main Street in Avon Dassett

Extent

No map available

* Maps may not appear on this view for up to 2 days after submission to Historic England.

Threat

The village war memorial is not under threat but we have been advised to seek

Grade 2 listing.

The memorial commemorates 3 residents of our village who gave their lives in the first world war and it is used as the focal point on remembrance day services.

Threat:

Avon Dassett Parish Council seeks registration as a Grade 2 listed memorial to ensure that it's future is assured as this memorial is very important to residents of the village.

It is also relevant to record that descendants of those who gave their lives still live in our village.

Current Planning Application/ Permission/Marine Consent: This asset is **not** the subject of a current planning application, permission or marine consent.

Post Planning Application: You will **not** post a copy of the Planning Application

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Ownership & Occupancy

Owner: You are the owner of part or all of the subject.

Occupier: You are **not** the occupier of part or all of the subject.

Owner/Occupier Details: You do **not** know any other relevant Owner/Occupier contact details.

Reasons

The war memorial was commissioned as a reminder of those who gave their lives in the first world war. It was originally located in the churchyard of St John's Church but was moved to it's present site in 1965.

Details of the 3 residents comforted on the memorial are:

Cooper Herbert Bernard Private 18th Queen Mary's Own Hussars, 2nd Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division.
Killed in Action by shell fire on Thursday 13th May 1915.
Second son of George, a carter and Emma Cooper of Avon Dassett.
He was born in Leamington Spa, he resided in Avon Dassett and he enlisted in Scarborough.
Before the war he was employed at the Warwickshire Hunt stables.
He arrived in France on Tuesday 9th February 1915.
Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal.

Killed in the battle of Frezenberg Ridge (8-13 May 1915): The Germans moved field artillery forward and put three Army corps opposite the 27th and 28th divisions on Frezenberg Ridge. The German attack began on 8 May, with a bombardment on the 83rd Brigade in trenches on the forward slope of the ridge but the first and second assaults by German infantry were repelled by the survivors. The third German assault of the morning pushed the defenders back. The neighbouring 80th Brigade repulsed the attack but the 84th Brigade was pushed back, leaving a 2-mile (3.2 km) gap in the line. The Germans were prevented from advancing further by

counter-attacks and a night move by the 10th Brigade.

Bloxham Ernest Edward Private 10th (service) Battalion the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment (Kent County) 123 Brigade, 41 Division.
Killed in Action at Tower Hamlets Ridge during the battle of the Menin Road on Friday 21st September 1917 aged 33.
Son of George, a labourer and Ann Bloxham of Hill View, Avon Dassett.
He was born and educated in Avon Dassett and worked as a general labourer before the war.
He took part in the attack on Hill 60 and was wounded on Thursday 7th June 1917.
He was killed in action whilst attending to a wounded comrade.
Buried in Larchwood (Railway Cutting) Cemetery, Ieper, Belgium
British War Medal, Victory Medal.

Historical Interest:

Weld, Thomas Joseph Wilfred. 1st Lovat Scouts.
Thomas was listed for his Military Cross in London Gazette Issue No: 30817 on 27th July 1918.
In London Gazette Issue No: 30950 dated 11th October 1918 Thomas was awarded a bar to the Military Cross and his citation reads:
"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. Under heavy attacks by the enemy he showed marked ability and coolness in the control of his company. It was largely owing to his fine courage and personal example that the firing line was maintained at the point where his company was in position. He has always set a splendid example to his men."

Whilst operating in southern German East Africa Thomas had been attached to the 2nd King's African Rifles(2/2 KAR) and was part of the Kilwa Force.
At an action near Nambanje on 13th March 1917 Thomas deployed to attack a German concentration, expecting to meet up with a column from 2/3 KAR
Thomas had 80 men with him from Nos 3 and 4 Companies of his battalion but regrettably the 2/3 KAR company failed to reach the rendezvous, having bumped into a Schutztruppe patrol and retired.

Nevertheless Thomas attacked the enemy. "The King's African Rifles" by H. Moyse-Bartlett comments:
"The result was an unpleasant experience for Weld's force, which was now left to face alone a greatly superior detachment of the enemy, who was fully alive to the situation.
Weld's advance was stopped by heavy fire; he was attacked with determination on both flanks, and driven back with the loss of one machine gun and the whole gun team of another.
In this engagement one officer was severely wounded and fell into enemy hands, where he died later; seven men were killed and ten wounded."
2/2 KAR continued to fight hard and sustain casualties in southern German East Africa.
Thomas received gunshot wounds to his left arm and was taken to Nairobi Hospital where he died of pneumonia on Monday 18th November 1918.
Ironically and sadly Thomas Weld died in Nairobi on the day that von Lettow signed his surrender document in Abercorn, Northern Rhodesia.

Thomas was the eldest son of Wilfred Joseph Weld, a land proprietor and Jessie Weld of Orchard Lodge, Avon Dassett. Thomas emigrated to South Africa as a farmer.

Thomas is also commemorated on the war memorial in Fort William where his mother came from.

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